

Delete the paragraph at page 15, lines 3-30, and insert the following therefor:

c² -- If gases at a raised pressure with respect to the ambient atmosphere at the time of opening are located inside the body 1 of the container, they will escape through the slots 15 and/or through the duct 16 formed between the tabs 13, then pass through the slots 15 formed between the tabs 13 near the upper wall 10, then escape between the screw threads 8 and 11. As most of the volume of the drop 21 is in a zone lying radially outside the ends 14 of the tabs 13, the escape of gases at a raised pressure carries only a small amount of liquid from the drop 21 into the duct 16. In addition, this very small amount of liquid tends, by capillarity, to remain in the slots 15 formed between the tabs 13, the radial dimensions of which are smaller than those of the duct 16. This very small amount of liquid can spread out over the free surfaces of the tabs 13 and of the interior surface of the passage 6 formed by the nozzle 4, which free surfaces define the slots 15 and the duct 16. The duct 16 will generally provide most of the surfaces for spreading out. The duct 16 furthermore forms a means for withdrawing gases away from the drop which is formed, in the most part, at a place which is radially and/or axially remote from the lower end of the duct 16 formed at the free end of the tabs 13. The free cross section via which the gases escape is small enough for no significant amount of liquid to escape through the outlet orifice during this stage. It is thus possible to withdraw gas without splashing liquid.--

Delete the paragraph at page 16, lines 6-15, and insert the following therefor: